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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on November 28, 2007 has been entered. Claims 1, 6-8, 12, 13, 18-20, and 23 have been amended. Claims 24-34 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-23 are now pending in this application, with claims 1, 8, 13, and 20 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brahm et al. (US 7,103,167).
4. In regards to claim 1, Brahm discloses a system (See telecommunications system illustrated in Fig. 1) comprising: a telephone (See Fig. 1 and called party's telephone terminal 112); another telephone associated with the telephone (e.g., work phone, another/alternate phone, handset 132) (See col. 7 lines 16-20, col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29) and a computing device (See Fig. 1, called party's computer terminal 110, and client application 116) coupled to the telephone, the computing device to selectively route telephone call signals to the telephone based on user-specified rules (e.g., user-definable call screening processes/subscriber's call

handling preferences) (See col. 8-9 lines 58-5, col. 9 lines 14-18, col. 9 lines 22-34, and col. 13 lines 27-47).

5. In regards to claims 2 and 14, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, wherein the telephone is to receive the telephone call, and to transmit the telephone call signals to the computing device before the computing device selectively routes the telephone call signals to the telephone (See col. 8-9 lines 58-5, col. 9 lines 14-18, and col. 9 lines 22-25).

6. In regards to claims 3 and 15, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, wherein the computing device is to receive the telephone call signals from a computer network (See Fig. 1 and Internet Answering Machine (IAM) system (124) via Internet 106) (See col. 12-13 lines 57-17 and col. 13 lines 27-47).

7. In regards to claims 4 and 16, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, the computing device to present a user interface for defining the user-specified rules (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, col. 9 lines 22-41, and col. 12 lines 7-12).

8. In regards to claims 5 and 17, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, the user-specified rules comprising rules associated with telephone call signals to be received by the telephone (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, and col. 9 lines 22-41).

9. In regards to claims 6 and 18, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, the telephone call signals to be received from the another telephone (See col. 7 lines 16-20, col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29).

10. In regards to claims 7 and 19, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, the user-specified rules comprising rules associated with telephone call signals to be

received by the telephone and rules associated with the telephone call signals to be sent from the other telephone (See col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29).

11. In regards to claims 8 and 20, Brahm discloses a system (See telecommunications system illustrated in Fig. 1) and method comprising: a telephone (See Fig. 1 and called party's telephone terminal 112); another telephone associated with the telephone (e.g., work phone, another/alternate phone, handset 132) (See col. 7 lines 16-20, col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29) and a computing device (See Fig. 1, called party's computer terminal 110, and client application 116) coupled to the telephone, the computing device to selectively route telephone call signals from the telephone to the another telephone (e.g., home phone, work phone, alternate/another phone, handset 132) based on user-specified rules (See col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29).

12. In regards to claim 9, Brahm discloses a system, wherein the telephone is to transmit the telephone call signals to the computing device before the computing device selectively routes the telephone call signals to the telephone (See col. 8-9 lines 58-5, col. 9 lines 14-18, and col. 9 lines 22-25).

13. In regards to claims 10 and 21, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, wherein the computing device is to transmit the telephone call signals to a computer network (See Fig. 1 and Internet Answering Machine (IAM) system (124) via Internet 106) (See col. 12-13 lines 57-17 and col. 13 lines 27-47).

14. In regards to claims 11 and 22, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, the computing device to present a user interface for defining the user-specified rules (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, col. 9 lines 22-41, and col. 12 lines 7-12).

15. In regards to claims 12 and 23, Brahm discloses a system, method, and device, the user-specified rules comprising rules associated with telephone call signals to be transmitted by the telephone and rules associated with telephone call signals to be received by the another telephone (See col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29).

16. In regards to claim 13, Brahm discloses a method for a computing device, the method comprising: selectively routing telephone call signals by a computing device to a telephone based on user-specified rules, (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, col. 9 lines 22-41, and col. 12 lines 7-12), the telephone having another telephone associated therewith (e.g., work phone, another/alternate phone, handset 132) (See col. 7 lines 16-20, col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29).

Response to Arguments

17. Applicant's arguments filed 11/28/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

18. Applicant argues that the Brahm terminal 110 and client application 116 does not in fact selectively route call signals to or from the telephone 112, but instead Brahm discloses it is the Internet Answering Machine (IAM) 124 that routes the calls. Applicant

further argues that Brahm does not disclose or suggest the claimed aspect of the telephone having another telephone associated with the telephone.

19. In response to Applicant's argument that the Brahm terminal 110 and client application 116 does not in fact selectively route call signals to or from the telephone 112, but instead Brahm discloses it is the Internet Answering Machine (IAM) 124 that routes the calls, Examiner respectfully disagrees. Brahm discloses that the client application 116 is connected to and communicates with the IAM system 124 via the Internet 106 (See col. 7 lines 45-51). Brahm, also, discloses that the client application 116 can implement many of the same functions as the IAM system 124, such as routing incoming calls to one or more destination stations (See col. 7 lines 52-58).

Furthermore, the client application 116 provides instructions or information to the IAM system 124, which indicates how and to where the incoming call should be routed (See col. 9-10 lines 62-12). Therefore, according to the use of VoIP, even if the IAM system 124 routes a notification of an incoming call to terminal/computer 110, it is terminal/computer 110 that routes the call to handset 132, if so indicated by the called party.

20. In response to Applicant's argument that Brahm does not disclose or suggest the claimed aspect of the telephone having another telephone associated with the telephone, Examiner respectfully disagrees. Brahm does disclose and suggest the claimed aspect of the telephone having another telephone (e.g., work phone, another/alternate phone, handset 132) associated with the telephone (See col. 7 lines 16-20, col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29).

Conclusion

21. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

22. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

23. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THJUAN K. ADDY whose telephone number is (571)272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

24. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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